

Mrs. T. T. Morris is home from a visit to her parents in Laddonia, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Gass.

Mrs. Will Morris of Worcester was visiting her mother, Mrs. Jake Barnes, in Laddonia several days.

Mrs. J. C. DeLaporte, of Laddonia, spent the week end in Mexico with her daughter, Mrs. W. Clyde Johnson.

Ross Martin of Lake Forest, Ill., a dairyman well versed in that business, has bought the retail trade of J. W. Lee's dairy business of Mexico and takes possession next week. Welcome to Mexico, Mr. Martin.

Mrs. Ben Canterbury and Mrs. Wiley Canterbury of Rush Hill attended the funeral of Mrs. Harriet Turner in Mexico.

Since recruiting officers of both military and naval service declare that more than 50 per cent of the young men applying for enlistment are defective physically or mentally, or both, then is it not high time to begin preparations for war at the foundation? Why not Congress appropriate to develop the "more than 50 per cent". Isn't our Government based on the principle of the greatest good to the greatest number?

Mrs. Stella Prewett of Higginsville attended the funeral of Mrs. Harriet Turner in this city last week.

BUYS BIG MINE.

Mr. Johnson, Uncle of Dr. Coil of Mexico and J. J. Johnson of Worcester.

Joplin, Mo., Feb. 24.—Rev. John T. M. Johnson, director in the German Savings Bank of St. Louis, and formerly of Audrain County, with Amos Gibson of Kansas City, Tuesday purchased the A.W.C. mine for \$300,000. Last week the A. W. C. mine made a turn-in of \$11,000 worth of ore. Johnson and Gibson lately purchased controlling interest in the First National Bank here. The mining deal is the largest in local mining circles for the year.

BROKER WEEPS.

Lost Big Money And Goes Back To The Farm.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 26.—Bontie A. Becker was in St. Louis Dec. 24, more than a month after he disappeared, following the failure of the firm of Payne & Becker, brokers, Nov. 18, and is now working on a farm in Northwest Missouri, and the fact that the firm which started on a capital of \$3,000 in 1901 and made profits of \$28,000 in one year, were brought out at the hearing before Referee in Bankruptcy Coles Thursday.

B. C. Becker, father of Bontie A. Becker, on the witness stand, said his son came to St. Louis at Christmas time. His son told him he was working as a laborer on a farm in Northwest Mo. Bontie A. seemed somewhat irrational during his visit, his father said, and could not answer questions coherently. He declared he believed his son to be penniless he told the referee, saying he had given him \$100 when he was here.

Samuel G. Payne, senior member of the firm, who was the first witness, Thursday came to tears, while testifying and had to be excused from the room.

Att. J. M. Lashly representing John C. Tobin, trustee for the creditors, had questioned him about the firm's losses, and Payne replied that the Kansas City Branch might have lost \$20,000 during the four years of its existence. He was manager of the Kansas City office.

"How much did the St. Louis office lose?" asked Lashly. "I don't know."

"How much did the Mexico, Mo., office lose?" "I don't know."

"And you don't care either, do you?"

It was here that Payne broke down and had to be excused. He said he did not think the attorney had any right to question him that way, since he had been in St. Louis 20 years and all that time had maintained a reputation.

MEXICO ACTIVITIES.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Springer have returned from Keokuk, Iowa, where they located a few months ago. They will take charge of the City Hotel here. They have bought a farm near La Grange, but prefer to come back to Mexico on account of our schools. Mrs. Springer is a sister of Mrs. E. F. Kunkel of Mexico. We are joyed to have Mr. and Mrs. Springer come back to us.

T. S. Riley, the man who keeps the bigtownclockgoing, got wound up with the gripe last week.

Young chicks are beginning to peep.

Miss Harriett Zaugg, after a month's vacation spent with her parents in this city, has returned to Centralia.

Lawrence Meyers who has been with Kemp & Nelson for some time has gone to the farm. A good place.

C. A. Blackman of this city, engineer on the C. & A., suffered two broken ribs Thursday. He was caught between the tank of his engine and the engine. The accident was at Cedar City.

We are sorry that Ora Boatman's affliction has compelled him to take to his bed. Ora's a good fellow and we hope to see him around again soon.

Misses Jessie and Ruth Morris have gone to Kirksville to attend the Normal.

Mrs. Otis Purdy visited friends in St. Louis last week. Otis got lonesome and went down and returned home with her.

Child Welfare Week in Mexico, which was set for March 4th to 11th, has been postponed. There will be a Baby Contest when the event is called.

Has the scarlet fever got you yet, youngster? No? Well, what's the use of catching every old contagion that comes along? Don't do it. Best of all, don't get over-excited or scared.

Sam Sharp is going it some on a new orchard at his home. He believes in planting nut-bearing trees. Watch his yard, he is growing some new things.

NORTH MOLINO.

W. J. Baker, who for a month has been assisting F. S. Martin and during his illness, returned home Thursday. Ray Johnson will live with his aunt, Mrs. Alice Asbury, he has rented her farm. Several neighbors have their incubators in operation.

Mrs. Almer Mundy entertained at dinner Sunday, Fred Calaway and his wife and daughter, Miss Frances; Miss Bertha Jesse, Cora and Josie Mundy.

Leb Dye has the Sim Creed farm this year. Mr. Dye will have a sale and start to Montana. James and Jack, his brothers, like that country.

Dora Cawthorn, Mexico high school student, is visiting her grandparents P. R. Cawthorn and wife.

Wm. Wilson leaves this week for Callaway county for the summer.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Emmons, Jr., is quite sick.

Mrs. P. R. Cawthorn fell while gathering eggs striking her hand in a way that tore the skin off the back of the hand. Blood poison was feared. Felix Martin is slowly improving.

James Lipp, ill with what is supposed to be scarlet fever, took a relapse—is not improving. He is a Mexico high school boy.

Stanley Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gray Wilson, is very ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stuart, who both have been ill, are now better.

Bad roads interfered with moving. Much of the hauling must wait.

Gip Harvey will move his sawmill to P. R. Cawthorn's pasture, where he will saw lumber for the Cawthorns' Creeds and Martins.

MR. ANDERSON DEAD.

Laddonia, Mo., Feb. 25.—James D. Anderson, one of Audrain County's oldest citizens, died at his farm near here yesterday. He leaves two daughters, Lella May and Mrs. Oscar Able of Berthold, N. D., and four sons, Charles, of Misoula, Mont., and J. P., H. W. and G. W. Anderson, farmers in this vicinity.

MR. BELL DEAD.

One of the County's Very Best Citizens Passes Away.

J. R. Bell, 66 years old, owner of Ortiz Fruit Farm, south of Mexico, who had been ill for several months with cancer of the bladder, died Thursday afternoon at the Mexico Hospital. The wife, who before her marriage was Miss Mary E. McGaffin, survives him besides the following children: R. M. Bell, Youngstown, Ohio; Mrs. F. K. Khrenes, New York City; Mrs. E. C. Hess, Stoutsville, Mo.; Earl Bell of this county.

Mr. Bell was a man of culture—a graduate of Miami University and a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. A. A. Wallace, at Roberts' Undertaking rooms Saturday afternoon. The community always suffers a loss in the death of such a man.

The pall-bearers were: L. R. Larkin, E. J. Winters, George Swanton, Ed Hamilton, Tom Hamilton and Ben Sims.

TWAIN'S PLAYMATE DEAD.

C. E. Johnson, 74 years of age, member of one of the pioneer families of northeast Missouri, died unexpectedly at his home in Vandalla, Tuesday night. His mother was a relative of Mark Twain, and he was a boyhood playmate of Missouri's famous writer of humor and fiction.

Executors' Public Sale

We will sell at Public Auction at RUSH HILL, MO.,

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1916, Beginning at 1 P. M., the following:

Household furniture including one cherry folding bed, one couch, two feather beds, one cupboard, dishes, fruit jars, etc. A dining table, 6 dining chairs, two rockers, Singer sewing machine, 1 clock, center table, 25 yards carpet, 25 yards matting. Two heating stoves (coal), one range, cook stove, (coal).

One farm wagon, 1 set harness, 2 collars, one 6 inch garden plow, one push garden plow and attachments. One garden harrow, 1 post hole digger, 1 small corn sheller, one platform store scales. 10-gallon iron kettle, 1 ten-gauge shot gun, 50 cottage bee-hives and frames, 1 revolving, 2 basket metal honey extractor, capping knife, smoker, and some new frame material. Miscellaneous tools and other things too numerous to mention.

One jack, 5 year old, well broke. (will sell privately before sale).

450 bushels snap corn, 500 bu. white seed or feed oats, not included in this sale.

Terms of sale cash.

Ed Atchison, Auctioneer.

A. E. & T. B. UNDERWOOD, Executors.

MRS. WHITESIDES DEAD.

Mrs. T. J. Whitesides, fifty-nine years old, died last week at her home at Thompson of pneumonia. The funeral service was held Saturday at the Baptist church in Thompson, the burial in the cemetery there also. The husband survives besides the following children: Mrs. John Hampton of Centralia, Mrs. Turner Pulls of Thompson, Mrs. C. E. Golf of Pawnee, Ill., J. L. Whitesides of Thompson, Misses Dorothy and Viola Whitesides of Thompson, and W. M. Whitesides of Loveland, Cal. Mrs. Whitesides had been a resident of the county about 30 years. Many friends join in extending sincere sympathy to the family in their bereavement.

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION.

To all Persons Concerned: Take notice that the undersigned administratrix of the estate of A. M. Trimble, deceased, late of Audrain County, Missouri, will at the February Term of the Probate Court, to be held at the Court House in Mexico, Missouri, on Monday, the 28th day of February, 1916, apply to said Court for leave to resign the office and trust of administratrix of said estate.

ALICE L. TRIMBLE, Administratrix.

My Dog Is Dead.

My heart is sad and sore, writes Joseph E. Wing. And infinite loneliness fills me. Men meet me and greet me, but coldly. They care little for me. I had a friend who was always loyal. Who loved me sincerely and deeply, from the bottom of his faithful heart. A friend who never scolded, never sneered, never criticised, never forgot—that friend was my collie dog.

My dog is dead. He has taken the sunlight of life with him to some other shore. I had rather have one of his glad barks, one of his loving looks, one of his gentle touches of a moist nose and a lick from his warm tongue than all the honeyed words that men can give. For I know that my collie was sincere; but I do not know that of men.

My dog is dead. He, the faithful one, that would come running at beck or whistle; he that was never too weary to do my bidding; he that was content with only an occasional word of kindness and approval from me. I wish that I had been kinder to him. I think, tho, he understood. I know that when no one else understood me my dog understood me. Now he is dead. I wonder whether there are men bred and born as good as he was? Many a time and oft he scoured the hills for me, swam the stream and breathed the dust of road. Now he is dead. God give him rest.

FOOD VALUE OF HONEY.

By J. W. Rouse, the "bee-man".

Some look on honey as a luxury and not necessary; butter of beef is not really a necessity either; some think that no one could live on honey alone, neither could one live on butter alone or perhaps any other one food, but a variety is what gives a balanced ration.

Quoting from Hon. W. H. Barney, of Iowa food and dairy department, the following table, and Editor Dadant of the American Bee Journal, who at Keokuk purchased the articles named in the table as follows:

Honey, 7 ounces, 7c; cream cheese, 6 ounces, 9c; 10 eggs, 25c; round steak, 12 oz. 15c; boneless codfish, 15 oz., 20c. 8 oranges, 20c; bananas, 10c; walnuts, 9 oz., 13c; showing that honey at 16c for extracted honey was the cheapest of the above mentioned generally used foods. There are cheaper foods than any in this list but who wants to live on any one when they can get a variety.

Articles mentioned above are given as having the same food value. Yet some of these cost twice as much as honey, so honey is the cheapest as well as the best in many cases, and in addition, honey is already prepared, partly predigested and healthful when eaten in moderation. Dr. Imfeld of Geneva, Switzerland, says: "If people would eat more honey, we doctors would starve."

Dr. C. C. Miller, of Marengo, Ill., eats honey as regular diet, he is 84 years young—he states; Prof. A. J. Cook, State horticultural station, at Sacramento, Calif., says: "Physicians may be correct in asserting that cane sugar in large quantities is harmful to the eliminators, the kidneys, and a menace to health. There can be no doubt but that it would be better to eat less of cane sugar and more of honey."

Children crave sweets and if given honey, it will not have so bad an effect as to eat so much candy and other sweets. Honey is a natural food and at present prices is not a luxury, but just as much a necessity as other foods of value to the human system.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Audrain Mutual Telephone Company will be held at 10 o'clock on Tuesday, March 7, 1916, at the I. O. O. F. Hall, Mexico, Mo. An important amendment to be voted on.

B. F. JAMES, President.



THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2306 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists—Adv.

THE D. A. R.'s ENTERTAIN.

The Father of Our Country Honored.

Mexico Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held their annual event at the Ringo Hotel on the evening of the 22nd ult. to do honor to the Father of Our Country. It was an enjoyable time, indeed.

Rev. H. B. Barks offered prayer.

Mrs. T. H. Winans, the regent, was unable to be present and Mrs. S. P. Emmons was introduced as toast mistress. She offered in a spirited manner the toast, "The Missouri Spirit."

Mrs. Geo. Kemp's response to the toast, "The Mexico Spirit," was in rhyme which would "put a crimp" in knickers.

Mrs. W. W. Botts gave response to "The Progressive Woman." She believes that woman to be truly progressive should acquire the ballot.

Rev. W. A. Shullenberger, on "Kith and Kin," gave the Irishman's view on ancestry. He, like Pat, gives all due glory and honor to ancestors, but "The best of the airth and the pride of me life

Are them that live now, with me and me wife."

Mrs. P. E. Coil talked charmingly about "Man." She thinks the man of today is as great a hero as the man of yesterday.

Dr. J. F. Harrison feared that his remarks on "Patriotism" might get mixed with scarlet fever and pneumonia. He gave some vital facts. No doubt he has had to exercise a great deal of the patriotic spirit in these "times that try men's souls", the scarlet fever quarantine.

Mrs. T. H. Hook, Mrs. J. T. Johnson, Mrs. J. T. Martin and Miss Emma McPheeters wore the true colonial costumes. [Mrs. Lawrence Winans accompanied the National airs with the cornet.

MURPHY-WELCH NUPTIALS.

Mr. William Welch and Miss Almie Murphy, a popular young couple of near Thompson, were united in marriage at St. Brenden's Catholic Church Saturday morning. Father Joseph Casey officiating. The attendants were Mr. Will Murphy, brother of the bride, and Miss Mayme Hogarty of Kansas City. Here's wishing Mr. and Mrs. Welch long life and happiness.

It Is Legal Now; Who Will Try It?

The benefit plan for building roads can now be followed by any district in Audrain County whose inhabitants feel like giving it a trial, says an exchange. The law has just been upheld by the United States Supreme Court. Nobody but bona fide owners of property have a right to vote when the plan is submitted. It's called the benefit plan because adjoining property is assessed in proportion to the benefits which accrue from having a first-class road. For instance, the farmers, or a majority of them, between Madison and Holiday petition for a rock or gravel road. The county court then submits the matter to the state highway engineer. He looks over the ground and if the matter meets with his approval the court sets a day for hearing. Those who favor the road say so. Those who oppose it can make objections. The court, if it sees fit, can then submit the matter to a vote of those owning land along the proposed road. If a majority favor it, the road is built and the cost is assessed in taxes against the benefitted farms. Land a mile and a half back from the highway pays only one-fourth as much as land which adjoins it.

"What Time Is It?"

Just now is the best time to do the thing that ought to be done. Some one has put our duty into a very direct bit of verse:

"What time is it?
Time to do well,
Time to live better,
Give up that grudge,
Answer that letter,
Speak the kind word to sweeten a sorrow,
Do that kind deed you would leave till tomorrow."

That is the way to buy up the opportunity, or redeem the time. To how better advantage can we spend tomorrow if we do not need them to attend to a single thing that ought to have been done today!

THAT McCUNE CASE.

Comes From Audrain—Four Circuit Judges Turned Down.

The Hannibal Courier Post refers to a case in the courts that will interest many Audrain County people:

A litigation which has been in the Missouri courts for some time involving a fortune of \$50,000, left by Wm. E. McCune, prominent Vandalla man, who died five years ago, was decided recently by the Missouri supreme court in banc. The successful lawyers included Hays, Heather and Henwood, Hannibal, and J. O. Allison, of New London.

The case was, Bessie Middleton et al vs Chas. Dudding et al. The suit resulted from the death of McCune's widow, shortly after that of her husband. McCune left a \$50,000 estate, was childless, and by original will, made in 1900, he gave all his personal estate to his wife "as her absolute property."

Two years after this he added a codicil to the document, in which he said that if his wife failed to leave a will or dispose of the property in her lifetime, then on her death 1-2 should go to the children of one of his brothers and the other 1-2 to Bessie Middleton, a girl who had been partially reared in his family. Mrs. McCune left no will. Her heirs instituted this suit, with the claim that the wife owned it absolutely and that the codicil was void. The claimants under the codicil bro't suit against the wife's heirs, the above suit, and four or five other suits, involving various pieces of property, and all turning on the construction of the will.

Division of one of the highest state tribunals was given the cases and two commissioners and one judge of that division decided in favor of the codicil, while two of the judges were on the contrary opinion and the remaining judge was in doubt. For lack of decision, the case was sent to the supreme court in banc, where it was re-argued on Jan. 25, last. Last week the supreme court reversed the judgments of the circuit court and decided that the codicil was of no effect and that the property belongs to the wife's heirs. Robertson & Robertson of Mexico, and Caldwell of Kansas City, represented the plaintiffs.

HIGH HILL LETTER.

Mrs. J. O. Sims is still sick, but improving slowly. Eugenia Smith is at home with measles. Mason Pullis is at the hospital in Columbia.

Mrs. Whiteside of Thompson died last week of pneumonia. She leaves several children, all grown, and her husband to mourn her loss. Rev. Arvin preached the funeral Saturday at Hopewell church, of which church she was a member.

Fannie Edwards is at home the past week from U. of Mo. at Columbia.

Dr. Todd of Gant is again in Kansas City for treatment. So much sickness here he is very much missed.

Lee Miller sold a wagon load of fat hogs to Centralia buyer at 8c.

John Nevins, J. O. Sims and B. F. went over and repaired the trunk line from Gant to High Hill school house Thursday and yet there are some things in the way. Gant has no connection yet with Centralia.

John Keeling bought a team of horses of Lee Miller for \$275.

Eliza Pullis has been sick the past week.

Elmer Shock has sold his fat hogs to go Tuesday

Carl Pullis and sisters visited their grandparents Sunday.

E. P. Pullis, Elmer Zher, C. E. Sellers, Lee Miller and B. F. Pullis hauled hogs to Centralia Monday for J. G. Lakenan.

Frank Berry has 35 head of fat hogs to go this week.

Edgar Sims and wife and Tom Broadus and family visited at J. O. Sims' Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sims entertained Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Jerman and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Denham Sunday.

C. E. Sellers' father died last week at his home in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kuhne returned to Des Moines, Iowa, after a visit with Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Berrey.